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WE HAVE A LOT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT!

WHILE WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, THERE ARE SOME OTHER THINGS WE'D LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON:

Your views are important – they help the Council make smart decisions that reflect the needs of our growing communities.

Over the next few months there are a number of things we'd like your input on. So if there's something here that you have an opinion on, first get informed then get involved!

Ten Year Plan

The Ten Year Plan affects everyone in the district. Regardless of whether or not you are a ratepayer, it affects you, your neighbours, hey it even affects your dog!

Council staff and elected members have been working hard over the past few months on a bold plan that reflects the issues you've told us are important to you. It outlines a work plan for the next ten years and how that work will be paid for.

Consultation on the draft plan starts on 12 March. If you live in the district, the consultation document will be distributed as an insert in the Mirror and Wanaka Sun during the week commencing 19 March. If you're a non-resident ratepayer, we'll post out a copy.

The document will also be available online or you can sign up early and we'll email it directly to you.

If you're keen to talk about the proposals, make sure you drop by one of our engagement stands. Full details will be on the website soon.

Be first to read the plan!

Head to www.qldc.govt.nz/ten-year-plan and sign up to have the Ten Year Plan consultation document sent straight to your inbox!

Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

A new and improved Waste Management and Minimisation Plan sets out how rubbish and recycling will be dealt with across the district. It covers everything from household refuse through to organic waste and everything in between. You can read more about it on page 8.

Development Contributions

The Development Contributions Policy is also reviewed every year. This policy guides the contributions that must be paid by developers to meet the costs created by growth.

Full details and online submission forms will be posted on our website from 12 March.

www.qldc.govt.nz



STAY WATER SMART

Most water restrictions across the district have now been lifted. But the Council is still asking all residents to do their bit to conserve water and avoid further restrictions.

There are many simple things we can all do to conserve water and if we all start doing one or two, the combined effect will make a huge difference.

Here are some simple tips:

Water gardens by hand rather than setting a sprinkler.

Use a simple timer for your sprinkler. Water your lawn for no more than an hour between midnight and 6.00am, when demand on the water supply is low.

Check the arc of your sprinkler and make sure you're watering the garden or lawn, not the path and driveway.

Wash dishes and clothes when you have a full load.

Take shorter showers: just a minute less in the shower every day can save up to 18 litres. Most mains-pressure showers use 9 to 18 litres of water every minute, so more than five minutes in the shower could be using more water than you'd need for a bath.

Check for and fix leaks: A leaking toilet may not be obvious, but it can waste thousands of litres of water in a year.

Reducing the amount of water you use is good for the water supply, good for the planet, and means you'll have water all season for the veggie garden!

FIRE BAN LIFTED

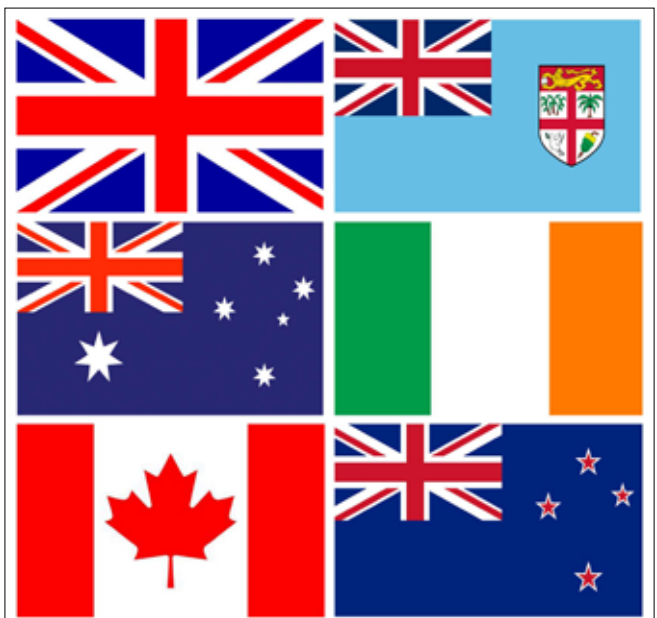
The rain gods have come to our rescue over the past few weeks and the Total Fire Ban has now been lifted.

A restriction fire season still applies across the district, meaning you need a permit to light an open air fire.



But that's not to say we should stop being vigilant when it comes to fire safety.

Remember to check it's alright before you light – go to www.checkitsalright.nz



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Exterior cladding matches the existing Recreation Centre building



The pump room



Learn to Swim pool with access ramp (right) and toddlers area (foreground)

WANAKA POOL UPDATE

The new Wanaka Pool is on track with construction scheduled for completion at the end of May.

The \$12m, three-pool complex will be located next to the existing Wanaka Recreation Centre at Three Parks with a shared entrance and car park.

These photos were taken on a site visit at the beginning of February and give a good indication of the new space even though the pools themselves are still under wraps!

Memberships for the new centre will be available from April. Look out for full details and some special early-bird promotions in a future issue of Scuttlebutt and online at sportrec.qldc.govt.nz.



BETTER PLANS FOR BETTER PLACES

This year, our planning policy and infrastructure strategy teams will be working closely together to develop a Future Development Strategy. This will deliver a 30-year strategic spatial plan for the whole district.

There's no question that we're a high growth district. It's a challenge we have been facing for many years. The district's population is projected to nearly double between 2018 and 2058, increasing from an average of 38,000 residents to just under 75,000 residents. The highest rate of growth is projected for the next ten to 15 years.

QLDC Planning Policy Manager Ian Bayliss said these projections highlight how important it is that we can paint a clear picture of future urban development and the planning and infrastructure required to support it.

"We'll be working collaboratively to identify future urban environments, opportunities for intensification, and dwelling targets to ensure there's enough development capacity to meet demand for housing and business space."

"We'll be mapping the location, timing and sequencing of development capacity. But it won't be all growth in all areas. We'll be including 'no-go' areas and other constraints, ensuring the strategy supports a range of community needs and objectives."

When adopted, the new strategy will help inform and guide changes to the District Plan, Long Term Plans, Infrastructure Strategies and Regional Land Transport Plans.

The strategy will go out for consultation later in the year. Keep an eye on the website for more info about this exciting project.



CAN I SWIM HERE?

Keen to know if your favourite spot is safe and healthy to swim in? Know before you go, check out 'Can I swim here' on the LAWA website for the latest water quality monitoring results.

www.lawa.org.nz/swim

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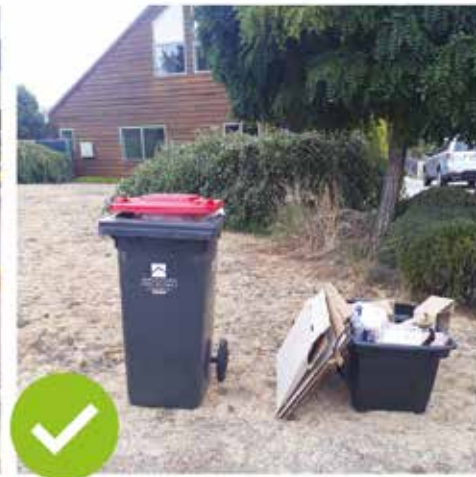
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WANAKA RECYCLING TIP

Wanaka residents are being asked to leave a bit of a gap between your wheelie bin and recycling. It makes it much easier for our team to empty the bins without knocking over the recycling and making a mess.



AVOID THAT SINKING FEELING

Permanent signage has gone up at Wanaka's Bremner Bay and Dublin Bay warning the public about natural subsidence in the shallows and lake mud.

A member of the public reported potential 'sink holes' at Bremner Bay in early January. An initial investigation by QLDC's Harbourmaster led to some temporary signage and fencing around one area. This was followed by a more detailed assessment of both bays carried out on behalf of Land Information New Zealand (LINZ).

Jerome Sheppard, Deputy Chief Executive Crown Property, said expert advice received by LINZ from a senior geologist is that the 'holes' are the result of natural subsidence caused by very low lake levels.

"They advise that this is a perfectly natural occurring phenomena, and the term 'sinkholes' is not accurate. As a result, people do not need to be concerned, but should take common sense precautions such as keeping pets on a lead and children supervised if nearby," said Mr Sheppard.

As expected, the natural subsidence became submerged again once water levels rose. Lake-goers are urged to remain vigilant in the shallows, especially with children.



MORE PARKING CHANGES ARE COMING TO QUEENSTOWN'S CBD

More parking changes are on the way for the Queenstown CBD to help cover the cost of the \$2 buses and encourage even more people to jump on board the highly subsidised service.

We know that some people simply need to drive into town. Rest assured, if you're one of these people, you should find it easier to get a park in town thanks to the increased use of public transport.

The following changes will kick in from 31 March:

- > Daily and weekly rates will no longer be available in Council-owned carparks (only hourly rates will be available). You can still pay for all day parking.
- > Longer term leases currently available at the Ballarat Street and Recreation Ground carparks will be removed to free up more general parking spaces.
- > No more free all day parking at the Queenstown Gardens or One Mile car parks and parking on roadside verges in these areas will also be banned.

Get a full schedule of the changes at
www.qldc.govt.nz/cbd-parking-changes

Anybody can fuel up in Arrowtown

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QUEENSTOWN'S \$2 BUS OFF TO A FLYING START!

Queenstown locals and visitors are using Orbus in record numbers.

Over 85,000 trips were taken in December 2017 (the first full calendar month of the new service).

The former commercial service had under half that number, with 41,000 trips taken in the same period in 2016.

Mayor Boulton is delighted with the figures. "These numbers are a fantastic result and a credit to the people of Queenstown for supporting the new bus service. Every person on a bus is one less car on the road so this will continue to have a great impact on traffic in the region, not to mention the environmental benefits of less vehicles commuting each day," he says.

"The \$2 flat fare has proven to be a huge help for residents and visitors and we look forward to working with our partners at the ORC and Transport Agency to expand the service as passenger numbers continue to grow."



Are you keen to get on board?
Here's how!

GET A GOCARD!

GoCards can be purchased for \$5 from the O'Connell's Mall kiosk, Queenstown Airport or on any Orbus bus. You need a GoCard to receive the subsidised \$2 fare.

TIMETABLE INFO

Full timetable and route information can be viewed on the Regional Council website at www.orc.govt.nz/orbusQT or get updates on the Orbus Facebook page.

REAL TIME BUS INFO

Get the location of your nearest bus stop and track bus movements in real time via the Transport Agency's free Choice app www.nzta.govt.nz/choice.

WORKING TOWARDS ZERO WASTE

This March, we'll be consulting on a new and improved Waste Minimisation and Management Plan.

This is a high-level plan that will guide how all of our rubbish and recycling will be dealt with across the district, covering everything from household refuse to organic waste and everything in between.

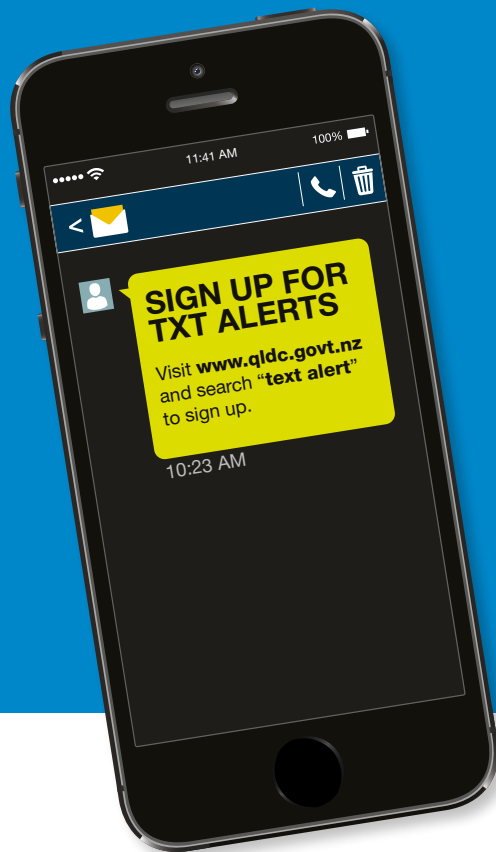
Last year, we carried out a waste assessment which considered seven options for how we could manage waste going forward. Out of that, the Council's preferred option is to focus on recycling (glass in particular) and organic waste.

We'll be looking for community feedback on the Waste Minimisation and Management Plan in March, keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more info.

SIGN UP FOR TXT ALERTS

When bad weather, accidents or fires close roads; when the water's running low or there's an emergency that affects your community, we can let you know by txt. You can choose the areas you're interested in (Crown Range road updates, anyone?) and because we pay for the txts we don't do it very often so you won't be spammed.

Visit www.qldc.govt.nz and search "text alert" to sign up.



COUNTDOWN TO CENSUS 2018

The next census is just days away. By now you should have received an online access code and guidance notes in the mail.

Every five years Statistics NZ runs the census – the official count of how many people and dwellings there are in New Zealand. This year the census will be different – you'll be able to complete the form online.

Completing the census online will be secure, quick and easy, and you'll be able to take part on various devices including mobile phone, desktop, laptop or tablet. Paper forms will still be available for those who prefer them.

Remember - every person counts. Make sure everyone in your household completes a census form.

If you have not received your online access code in the mail or for more information about the census go to www.census.govt.nz

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Lloyd Pope in action against England (credit – Getty Images)

QLDC Holiday Programme kids enjoying the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup



UPGRADED OVAL SHOWCASED TO THE WORLD

The return of international cricket to Queenstown has been hailed a success by organisers of the recent ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup.

The John Davies Oval at Queenstown Events Centre hosted nine matches during the tournament which was staged throughout New Zealand from 13 January until 3 February. All were completed in near perfect conditions apart from one play-off game which fell victim to rain.

Brendan Bourke, Tournament Director and General Manager for the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup, said Queenstown really showcased itself to the world during the tournament.

“Broadcast coverage from Queenstown went to 204 countries and reached over 1.3 billion people globally. Feedback from team officials and broadcasters was overwhelmingly positive with lasting memories being made from their time in the region,” said Mr Bourke.

Highlights included leg-spinner Lloyd Pope taking 8 for 35 in Australia’s quarter final win over England, the best ever bowling figures at any U19 World Cup, and the visit of the junior Black Caps for their play-off match against England.

After its \$640,000 upgrade last year, the John Davies Oval is available for ongoing community use as well as putting Queenstown back in the frame for possible future international matches.



The iconic setting of the John Davies Oval (credit – Getty Images)

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FREEDOM CAMPING CLAMPDOWN

The Council is looking at a range of short and long term options to address issues relating to freedom camping across the district.

This summer we've seen a significant increase in freedom campers visiting our district, taking time out to enjoy our mountains, lakes and rivers.

People visiting our district in fully self-contained motorhomes are a welcome part of our tourist market and most follow the rules. But in this instance the irresponsible actions of a few means the community wanted immediate action.

The Council is responding with a range of short and long term actions to ensure we can all continue to enjoy our favourite public spaces.

SHORT TERM:

Council reserves at Lake Hayes and the Shotover Delta are now closed to vehicles and overnight campers between the hours of 10.00pm and 5.30am. These have been gated and locked and anyone found staying overnight will face a fine of \$200.

In Wanaka, enforcement officers are now clamping vehicles camped anywhere on the Wanaka waterfront overnight.

LONGER TERM:

We'll be reviewing our Freedom Camping Control Bylaw and Reserve Management Plans to make sure we're better equipped to be able to deal with freedom camping across the district.

We'll also be working to develop a Camping Strategy with the support of partner agencies DoC, NZTA, LINZ and MBIE. This is a long-term project with the aim of delivering an improved experience for all forms of camping across the district. Alongside the strategy, we'll continue to advocate for fundamental change to national legislation to ensure it addresses the requirements of the current freedom camping culture and the pressures experienced within the district.

COMMUNITY INPUT

We recently asked for community input on freedom camping and received over 1,000 submissions. This shows the importance of the issue to our locals, businesses and visitors. We'll be analysing these results in the coming weeks and using them to inform some of the changes we're looking to make.

**WE'LL BE
RELEASING
THE PUBLIC
FEEDBACK ON
THE WEBSITE
SOON.**

WOULD YOU RATHER READ THIS ONLINE?

We publish Scuttlebutt six times a year, deliver it locally through the community newspapers, and post around 7500 copies to ratepayers who live outside the district – that's a lot of paper!

You can help us reduce the number of copies we print by switching to our email distribution list.

Just email services@qldc.govt.nz with the word "newsletter" in the subject line, and be sure to include

your name and postal address so we can cross you off the postal mailing list and send you the link to Scuttlebutt instead.

You'll not only receive Scuttlebutt earlier, but also help QLDC trim the amount we spend on printing and postage to keep you informed – that's a win for everyone.

Every issue of Scuttlebutt is also on our website www.qldc.govt.nz

STORING WATER

It's basic, right? You turn on the tap and water flows. Except that sometimes it doesn't.

No matter whether your water's been turned off on purpose to fix a burst water main, a fire has taken out your local pumping station, or an earthquake has ruptured the pipes, you can be sure that one day you'll turn on the tap and nothing will come out.

Whether that's a minor nuisance or a major drama for you will depend on whether you've taken the simple step of storing water in case of emergencies.

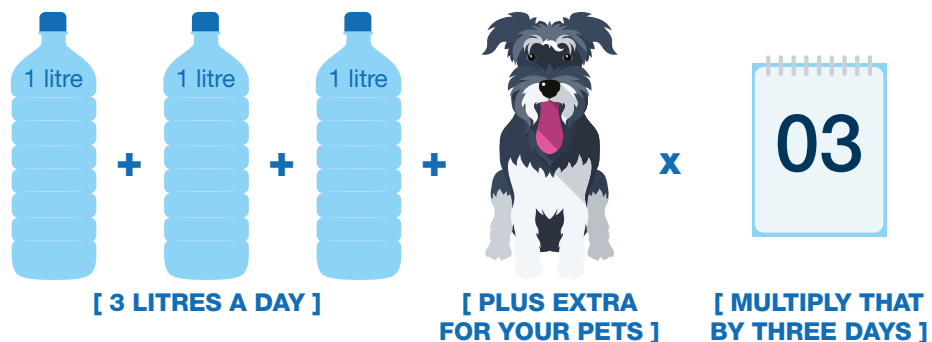
Happily, storing water is easy. Every member of your household needs at least three litres a day for drinking,

preparing food, washing and for basic hygiene. Add extra for your pets. Now multiply that by three, which is the minimum number of days Emergency Management Otago recommends that families be prepared to cope on their own in an emergency.

You can reuse plastic soft drink and juice bottles or buy water containers at any hardware store. Wash them thoroughly in hot water then fill each bottle till it overflows. Add five drops of unscented household bleach per litre (or half a teaspoon for 10 litres) and put the bottles in storage. Change the water every 12 months.

Filling 2-litre ice cream containers with water and freezing them is also a good idea. They will help keep your food cool when the power goes off, and you can drink the water when the ice melts.

EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD NEEDS:



GARDENS PLAN NEXT STEPS

Back in November we asked the community for input on a range of proposals for the future of Queenstown Gardens.

If you're keen to read the submissions they'll be available online soon. In summary, of the 61 submissions received there was lots of support for:

- > upgraded paths and connections
- > retaining the rose gardens
- > retaining the disc golf course

We'll now work on revising the plans to reflect the submissions and factor the resulting projects into the Ten Year Plan. You'll have another opportunity to have a say when the Ten Year Plan goes out for consultation in March.

NEED FUNDS?

Do you need funds for a community project or perhaps a personal scholarship?

The Council subscribes to Generosity NZ, an online search tool that provides access to thousands of grants nationwide.

The Council also provides or supports a range of different funding sources for community, sporting or recreation groups. Check out www.qldc.govt.nz/funding

To check out what's on offer, head along to the Queenstown or Wanaka Library or the Gorge Road Council office and find the grant that's right for your goals.

DISTRICT PLAN – NEXT STEPS

Consultation on Stage 2 of the Proposed District Plan finished up on 23 February.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to get involved in the process. The topics included Visitor Accommodation, Transport, Wakatipu Basin Land-use, Open space and recreation, Signs and Earthworks.

As you read this, the team will be busy summarising the submissions. The summary will be notified for further submissions on 4 April. You can find more details about the further submissions process online at www.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-district-plan.

We're hearing you!

Submission hearings on the Stage 2 topics are planned for June and August this year.

Decision Time

Decisions on all 32 topics that made up Stage 1 of the District Plan Review are expected in May.

LUMA IN FOR THE WIN!

The LUMA light festival team will be representing the Queenstown Lakes District at the National Trustpower Community Awards next month.

The annual LUMA light festival takes place in Queenstown on Queen's Birthday weekend, featuring four evenings of illuminated art, light sculptures and entertainment. It's all about connecting people, illuminating spaces and bringing both local and national artists and businesses together in a family friendly, fully sustainable way.

LUMA will take on the local winners from 25 other regions across New Zealand to contest the title of National Supreme Winner.

Support LUMA!

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Queenstown Memorial Centre on Saturday 14 April to hear the finalists' presentations. Keep an eye out for free tickets on Eventfinda to secure your spot.

EELY POINT FEEDBACK

Community feedback on the draft Eely Point Development Plan has highlighted the public's affection for this popular area of Wanaka's lakefront stretching from the Scout Den to Bremner Bay.

The plan was available in Council's Ardmore Street office, Wanaka Library and via the QLDC website with feedback possible in person or online. The plan was discussed at the Link Upper Clutha meeting in late November and a public drop-in session was held at the Scout Den in December.

Wanaka Parks and Reserves Officer, Diana Manson was impressed by both the number of individuals and groups who provided feedback and the detailed responses many of them provided.

"We received 182 comments from a variety of people including local residents, holiday home owners and visitors. Respondents ranged from ten years old to retirees, all keen to give their views on the future development of Eely Point," said Ms Manson.

Many people commented on the proposal to site a Marine Rescue Centre in the reserve. Those in favour felt that proximity to the water was an important factor in ensuring an effective rescue service. Those opposed to the centre cited the conflict between the passive recreation currently offered by the area and the presence of further buildings.

Feedback also included ideas on 'active transport' such as walking and cycling, the importance of trees providing shelter from the wind and sun, and views on launching boats and parking trailers.

There was no support for a formal garden and limited support for public art and a natural playground with comments that children enjoyed playing in the existing natural environment.

"The overall impression is that most people love Eely Point as it is – unspoilt and natural – and any further development will have to be carefully managed to retain this feeling," said Ms Manson.

There will now be a workshop with the Wanaka Community Board to discuss all submissions in detail followed by the publication of an updated Eely Point Development Plan that reflects public feedback.



PROTECTING THAT WANAKA TREE

Action has been taken to protect one of our true home-grown media stars.

A humble crack willow (*Salix fragilis*) known simply as 'That Wanaka Tree' has been the subject of thousands of selfies and arty Instagram pics since it became a social media sensation a few years ago.

Unfortunately all this attention has started taking a toll. The willow lost a limb just before Christmas and is being harmed by climbers.

Council arborist Tim Errington says its name is derived from the fact that the wood is somewhat brittle and hence branches are easily snapped.

"It's quite a small tree growing in a challenging environment with its roots often completely submerged in alpine lake water. The loss of branches is a big concern as it takes longer for this particular tree to regenerate," said Tim.

"When bark falls off, which is more likely if people climb on it, the wound can be a focus for decay fungi and other diseases."

Lake Wanaka Tourism has put up warning signs with a clear 'no climbing' message in English and Mandarin.

Council will continue to monitor our iconic tree's health and may have to consider more protective measures should any further damage be sustained.

**Please help protect
#thatwanakatree**



The Wanaka Tree has taken over 70 years to get to this size! Its branches are fragile and starting to be damaged by people climbing in the tree. To help protect it and leave it for others to enjoy we ask that you do the following:

1. DO NOT climb in the tree or swing on the branches
2. DO NOT attach anything to the tree
3. BE RESPECTFUL of others waiting to take a photo
4. REMOVE all rubbish

If you see someone climbing in or damaging the tree please report them to the Queenstown Lakes District Council 03 443 0024.

请一起帮忙保护瓦纳卡湖中树 #thatwanakatree

瓦纳卡湖中树70多岁了，非常脆弱和珍贵。但是因为人类的攀爬，已经遭到无数的破坏。请遵循以下几点，让我们一起帮忙保护瓦纳卡湖中树。

1. 请不要攀爬或摇晃瓦纳卡湖中树之树枝或树干
2. 请不要附加任何东西到瓦纳卡湖中树上
3. 请尊重其他拍照者
4. 请勿遗留任何垃圾

如发现任何以上状况，请拨打举报电话03 443 0024

FLUSH IT OUT

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours.

Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking water

tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

DISC GOLF

Attention competitive disc golfers! Warm up that throwing arm and sign up for the 19th Annual Dart River Jet Safaris Paradise Plates Disc Golf Tournament.

Held on 7-8 April 2018, the 54 hole singles tournament at Paradise is better suited for experienced players, rather than beginners.

All players should meet at the Garden of Eden on Saturday 7 April at 9.30am for a 10am start. Entry fee is \$40, which includes lunch on both days.

For full details, get in touch with James Smithells, email james.smithells@xtra.co.nz or phone 021 26 44 008.

**7-8
APRIL**

Meet at the Garden of Eden on Saturday 7 April at 9.30am for a 10am start.

ENDANGERED GULLS

Ever wondered why we have seagulls inland? Don't be gull-able! We don't. We have a rare and critically endangered bird called a Black-billed gull.

These birds have the same endangered status as the Kakapo and are regularly spotted at local lakes and rivers.

They are braided river birds that have long, thin black beaks. They live inland and have suffered an 80% decline in population over the past 30 years, mainly due to introduced pests and human disturbance.

So next time you spot these birds down at the lake keep in mind that if their population continues to decline they may become extinct in the near future. You can help by not feeding the gulls and giving them space in their habitat.

If you'd like to read more, head to www.doc.govt.nz and search black billed gull.

WARBIRDS CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

This Easter's Warbirds Over Wanaka International Airshow will mark a significant milestone in the history of what is the Queenstown Lakes District's largest event.

Warbirds Over Wanaka is the largest Warbirds airshow in the southern hemisphere attracting some 50,000 people over three days every second Easter. This year's show will mark 30 years since the very first event.

The airshow is a major economic driver for the region pumping around \$200million into the local economy over the past 30 years and being a major fundraiser for many community groups.

With Easter 2018 being the 30th anniversary a special effort has been made to bring back some of the most memorable acts from the past three decades.

Headlining the line-up is the Polikarpov I-16 coming to Wanaka from Germany. This is one of the nine Polikarpovs which airshow founder Sir Tim Wallis rescued from remote areas of Siberia in the 1990s and restored to flying condition.

The Polikarpov will be flown by two-time World Aerobatic Champion Jurgis Kairys from Lithuania. Jurgis will also thrill the crowds with his heart-stopping aerobatic routine in his own aircraft.

Also featuring this Easter will be a special tribute to the Harvard aircraft which has displayed at every Wanaka airshow. Organisers hope to have up to 14 Harvards take part in a mass formation flypast. Another popular act returning is one of the world's largest gliders performing to classical music.

Modern Warbird aircraft will also be represented with numerous aircraft from the Royal New Zealand Air Force and regional air forces including Jets from the Royal Australian Air Force.

The aerial displays are supported by special effects from the pyrotechnics team plus numerous ground displays including a special collection of 50 classic Packard motor vehicles including ten beautifully restored Packards from the US and a 1935 Packard coupe originally owned by famous American aviatrix Amelia Earhart.

There's also an opportunity for locals and visitors to get a taste of the airshow with the free community lakeside event at 4.30pm on Good Friday. Gather up family and friends and head to the Wanaka lakefront to see some amazing aerial antics including the iconic Catalina Flying Boat landing on the lake.



For more information and tickets go to
www.warbirdsoverwanaka.com

GREEN OFFERS

104 tonnes of food and green waste is sent to the Victoria Flats Landfill every week, making up 16% of all the material disposed of there.

Most of this material could be composted at home and used to turn your veggie garden or flowerbeds into the stuff dreams are made of.

Here at QLDC we're keen to support anyone looking to up their composting game, and to help we provide subsidised Zing Bokashi bucket home composting systems. Widely used throughout New Zealand, these compost buckets process household organic matter into highly productive garden compost in just four weeks.

We also offer subsidised worms for worm farms, so you can turn your food scraps into veggie-growing super dirt using an army of worm friends.

For more information simply visit www.qldc.govt.nz/home-composting/ or pop into one of our offices.

If you're heading along to the Wanaka A&P show this March, pop along to the QLDC stand on Pembroke Park and get tips from our resident expert, Dr Compost.



JAN MAXWELL

MARIE DAY

**THE NEXT
EVENTS FUNDING
ROUND OPENS ON
2 APRIL 2018**

If you're interested in applying for funding, please contact Jan or Marie from the QLDC events team to discuss your event and application.

OUR EVENTS TEAM

In this district, we're lucky to host a wide range of events including high profile sport, concerts and festivals through to family events and community celebrations.

The Council's role in managing the balance between the number of events and our community needs can be a difficult job at times.

That's where our Events Team comes in.

Jan Maxwell and Marie Day are there as the first point of contact for anyone keen to run an event in the district. Whether it's a local community celebration or a major international affair, Jan and Marie can help organisers navigate Council requirements and community expectations to run a successful event.

"During the last five years there have been changes to government regulations around health and safety and environmental health that event organisers must be

aware of. There are also requirements around our district plan consenting that can be quite different from other districts. They might appear strict, but it's because we want to protect the special nature of the area and the things that make people want to run events here," QLDC arts and events facilitator Jan Maxwell said.

"While we have big city ambitions, we have small town resources that might take some organisers by surprise. We can help by looking for opportunities to make events work well within the context of our community."

"So please contact us, we'd love to talk to you about your event, no matter the location within the district, the size or the scale, we can come to you to help make your event a success," she said.

Contact the QLDC events team at events@qldc.govt.nz or phone **03 441 0499**.

EVENT TOOLKIT

A full checklist for event organisers can be found at www.qldc.govt.nz/events

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE UPPER CLUTHA TRACKS TRUST?

The Upper Clutha Tracks Trust goal is to develop a high-quality integrated network of tracks and trails around the Upper Clutha, which is no easy feat considering the diverse landscape of our district! Amazingly run solely by volunteers, the group consists of eleven trustees and started in 2006.

Trustee Rachel Brown says “we collaborate with groups like the Clutha Fisheries Trust, Walking Access Commission, Bike Wanaka, local schools, DOC and QLDC, to develop projects like the Hawea Flat link track and the Active Travel Wanaka master plan.”

Trustee John Wellington adds “the biggest aspiration is to, one day, have a track all the way around Lake Wanaka, with a link to Makarora.

“We are constantly looking for ways to improve the network and make it as accessible as possible whilst providing a wide range of track standards for different user groups.”

Thanks to the Trust, there are many tracks and trails we have on our doorstep to enjoy, here a few of the groups’ accomplishments:

HAWEA RIVER TRACK: 10km long and includes a 70m swing bridge (forms part of the Te Araroa National Track).

MOTATAPU RIVER TRACK: 5km long. Follows the true right of the Motatapu River from Motatapu Road to Mt Aspiring Road.

UPPER CLUTHA RIVER TRACK: 14km long and includes an 18m bridge over the Cardrona River.

If you would like to get in touch with the Upper Clutha Track Trust: Email: Info@UCTT.org.nz. Website: www.uctt.org.nz or visit Facebook: facebook.com/uppercluthatrackstrust

SHARE WITH CARE

With our trails seeing very high numbers this glorious summer, please remember to be courteous to other trail users.

CYCLISTS:

- > please remember to keep your speed down
- > when approaching walkers from behind ring your bell to get walkers’ attention and pass on the right.

WALKERS:

- > please be courteous to cyclists by moving to the left and allowing them to pass on the right.

A friendly smile and wave hello goes a long way, so let’s all share these trails we love so much!



Be Safe USE A **Bell!**



Share the trails with care!
Keep to the left & pass on the right.

FREE
Bike Bells

Drop us a line with your name and we’ll reserve a bell for you (Bells available for collection only)
info@queenstowntrail.org.nz



LOVE YOUR LAKEFRONT

[PARKS WEEK 10-18 MARCH]

When the daily grind is getting you down, a walk around the waterfront can be just the ticket.

This Parks Week we plan to celebrate our special lakefront areas, so by the time you read this we will be posting information about local events and activities that we hope you'll want to join in.

Keep an eye on the [QLDC facebook page](#) for more.

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QUEENSTOWN EVENTS CENTRE

Arrowtown Athenaeum Hall
Queenstown Memorial Hall
Lake Hayes Pavilion
Lake Wanaka Centre
Alpine Aqualand
Sports fields
Phone: 03 450 9005

WANAKA RECREATION CENTRE

Wanaka Pool
Indoor Courts
Phone: 03 443 9334

TRANSFER STATIONS

Wakatipu: 110 Glenda Drive
Frankton Industrial Area
Phone: 03 4510106
Upper Clutha: Cnr of Ballantyne
& Riverbank Roads
Phone: 03 443 6063

HARBOURMASTER

Phone: 027 434 5289 and 027 414 2270
Email: harbourmasterqt@smsl.co.nz

LIBRARIES

Arrowtown Buckingham Street Phone: 03 442 1607
Hours: Monday–Friday 10.00am–5.00pm Saturday 10.30am–12.30pm

Glenorchy Islay Street Phone: 03 442 4378
Hours: Wednesday 1.30pm–3.30pm Friday 1.30pm–3.30pm

Queenstown 10 Gorge Road Phone: 03 441 0600
Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am–5.30pm
Thursdays 9.00am–7.00pm Saturdays 10.00am–5.00pm

Wanaka Bullock Creek Lane Phone: 03 443 0410
Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9.00am–5.30pm
Thursdays 9.00am–7.00pm Saturdays 10.00am–5.00pm

Hawea 14 Myra Street Phone: 03 443 9371
Hours: Monday 10.00am–12noon
Tuesday & Wednesday 10.00am–5.00pm
Saturday 10.00am–2.00pm

Kingston Phone: Queenstown 03 441 0600
Hours: Saturday 10.00am–2.00pm

Makarora Phone: 03 443 8342
Hours: Tuesday 11.00am–1.00pm & Wednesday 6.00pm–8.00pm

Frankton Pop-up Library at Queenstown Events Centre
Hours: Every Friday 3pm–5pm

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